

Incident at St James's Hospital, Leeds

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The following is an update regarding an incident which occurred early on Friday, 20th January at St James's Hospital in Leeds.

A 27 year old man from Leeds was arrested the same day by Counter Terrorism Policing North East on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism contrary to Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

He has been held at a Police Station in West Yorkshire and interviewed by officers.

Today, Saturday 21st January, a Warrant of Further Detention was granted by Westminster Magistrates Court giving officers until Friday 27th January to hold and further interview the suspect if required.

There are extensive enquiries ongoing to establish the full circumstances, and explore any potential motivation. Investigations of this nature are large and complex therefore officers require time to thoroughly carry out detailed examinations and lines of enquires.

Detective Chief Superintendent Jim Dunkerley is Head of Counter Terrorism Policing North East. He said:

"We continue to treat this as an isolated incident and there is still no evidence to suggest there is any heightened or ongoing risk to the public."

"Nevertheless, the UK threat level remains at Substantial and we would always encourage the public to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or behaviour to police in confidence on 0800 789 321 or at [gov.uk/ACT](https://www.gov.uk/ACT)."

Counter Terrorism Policing provide the following resources:

- **Security at Crowded Places** - The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has guidance with protective security advice which can be found here: [Publicly accessible locations guidance](#)
- [Bomb Threat Guidance](#)
- [Unattended and suspicious items](#)
- [Marauding Terrorist Attacks \(MTA\)](#)
- **ACT e-Learning** – NaCTSO has also produced an e-Learning package for all organisations on what to do in the event of a major incident. It can be found here: [ACT Awareness](#)

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